



CASE PA/4-30602B

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF
DE BRUIJN ET AL.
APPLICATION NO: 10/620,178
FILED: JULY 15, 2003
FOR: NEW ORAL FORMULATION

Art Unit: 1614
Examiner: Delacroix Muirhei, Cybille

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

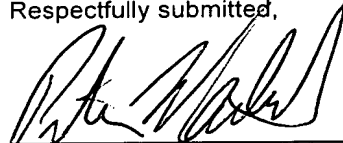
The Office Action of June 20, 2006 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on September 20, 2006. A three-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$1020 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

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